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U.S. Patent No. 5,629,752 corresponds to JP 08-184925 and JP-08-122944;

U.S. Patent No. 5,978,100 corresponds to JP 09-138470;

U.S. Patent No. 5,278,921 corresponds to JP 04-346333 and

U.S. Patent No. 5,930,391 corresponds to JP 09-138471.

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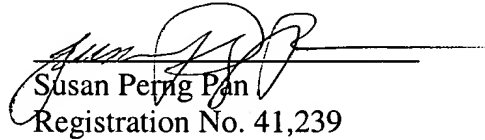
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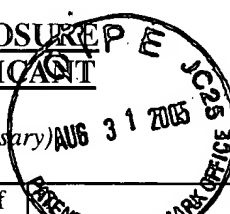
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